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SUBJ: REPORTED SOVIET APPROACH TO SINGAPORE AMBASSADOR IN
MOSCOW

1. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR UOMOTO INFORMED ME JULY 22 THAT DEPUTY
PRIME MINISTER GOH HAD GIVEN HIM FOLLOWING BRIEF ACCOUNT OF
DISCUSSION IN MOSCOW BETWEEN SINGAPORE AMBASSADOR TO USSR AND
SENIOR SOVIET MFA OFFICIAL. GOH REPORTEDLY SAID SOVIET OFFICIAL
HAD EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT REDUCED US INVOLVEMENT IN SEA
COULD LEAD TO EXPANDED PRC INFLUENCE AND ULTIMATE DOMINATION
OF THE REGION. AS GOH TOLD IT, SOVIET OFFICIAL IMPLIED USSR
ANXIOUS THAT SUFFICIENT US PRESENCE IN SEA BE RETAINED TO
PREVENT PRC HEGEMONY.

2. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY MFA TAN BOON
SENG, I ASKED WHETHER USSR HAD APPROACHED GOS SINCE FALL OF
SAIGON CONCERNING FUTURE OF SEA. TAN SAID THAT ONLY APPROACH
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WAS A LOW LEVEL PITCH AIMED AT PROMOTING SOVIET ASIAN COL-

LECTIVE SECURITY PLAN.

3. SUGGEST EMBASSY MOSCOW SOUND OUT SINGAPORE AMBASSADOR RE
POSSIBLE RECENT SOVIET APPROACHES EITHER TO PROMOTE ASIAN
COLLECTIVE SECURITY PLAN OR TO WARN AGAINST PRC INFLUENCE IN
SEA. IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO KNOW WHETHER THIS THIRD HAND ACCOUNT
OF WHAT SOVIET OFFICIAL SAID IS ACCURATE. GRANT

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